

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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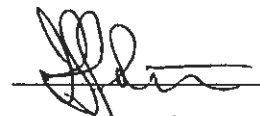
We have a consumer that has a deaf mother. She is not his guardian but is family and acts as his advocate. The question has arisen about interpreter services for this consumer's meetings. The consumer we serve is not deaf and does not need interpreter services, but his mother is requesting interpreter services for all of his meetings for herself so she can communicate. The question becomes is it the state's responsibility to provide interpreter services for her and pay for these services for the mother who is deaf? Or is it the mother's responsibility since she is not the one being served by the waiver? Also could his cost plan cover the costs of the interpreter services?

References:

3. ANSWER: It is not the states responsibility to pay for interpreter services for a family member who advocates or is the guardian of an individual in Developmental Disabilities Services. It is the responsibility of the guardian or family member to provide their own interpretive services. Interpretive services can be provided through the Montana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, a non-profit organization which provides an interpreter referral system. Contact number is (406) 771-9053.

References:

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